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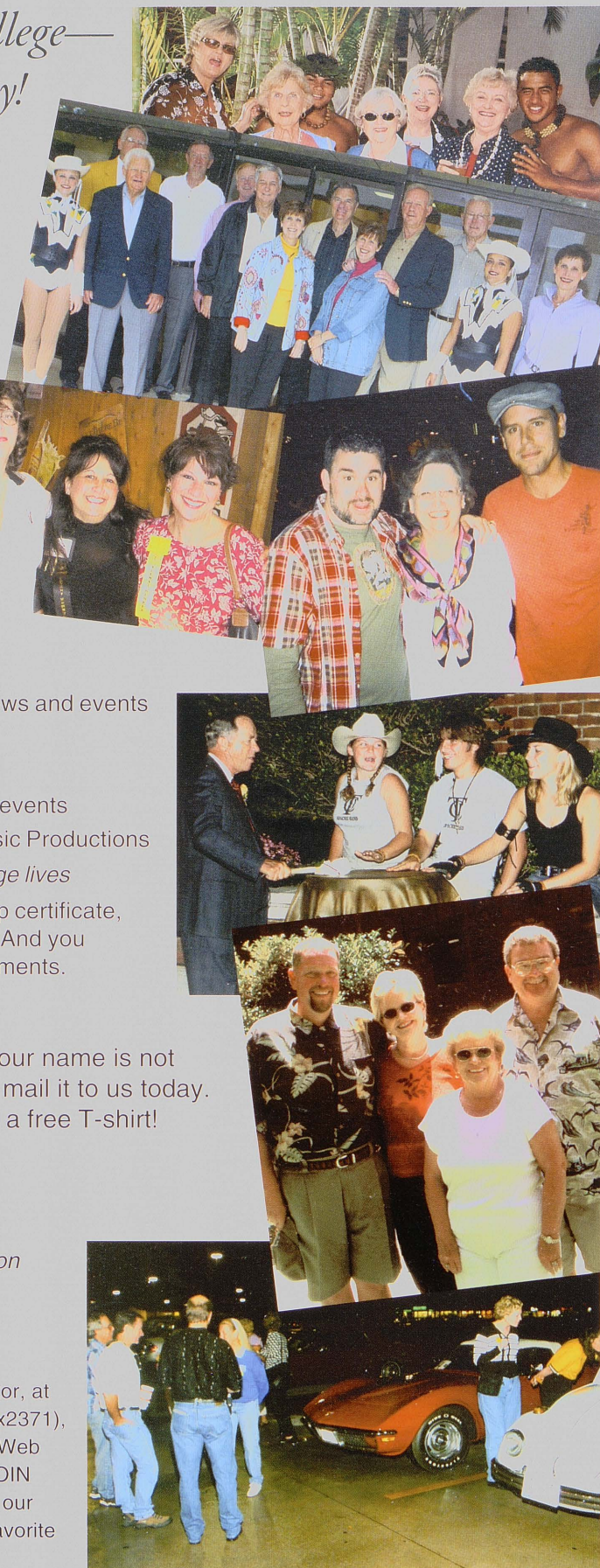
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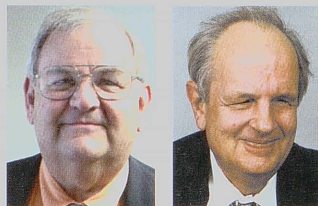
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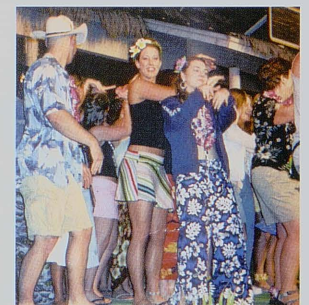


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The Alumni Association welcomes six new Board members. Meet them and see why they support TJC. We know you'll enjoy looking back at Homecoming Week, too, so we've included a photo section on Pages 14-16.

Building the Future

As this issue of the *Apache* goes to print, a new dressing room facility and a concession are near completion at Pat Hartley Field.

Phase I of renovation at Wagstaff Gymnasium has been completed and fans and teams are enjoying the new look that includes fixed seating and increased capacity.

Wagstaff Gym looks as impressive as the day it opened.

In the Jean Browne Theatre new seating and carpeting has been installed and the capacity has been increased.

Inside the Ornelas Health and Physical Education Center, old carpeting in the Gentry Gym has been removed and replaced with beautiful hardwood. During the Christmas break, new paint throughout the Center will bring the facility to a like-new look, while at Genecov Science Building an elevator will finally be installed in a shaft that was built when the building opened in 1972.

These are construction projects made possible by private gifts, plant funds and Board reserve funds. Wagstaff renovation Phase I represents only the second use of Board reserve funds since the fund was established in 1996. The fund was tapped several years ago for roof repair on several buildings.

Each budget year the College dedicates \$400,000 to the fund for projects and initiatives deemed by the Board to be of immediate concern. The use of \$2.1 million for the Wagstaff project leaves about \$2 million in the fund.

Construction over the next five years will need to be funded by a combination of dedicated revenue and private gifts. The needs are obvious to those who encounter the College on a regular basis.

Construction Needs

Increased enrollment and projections for continued growth point out the need for a new classroom building. Laboratory

space in Genecov is so scarce that lab classrooms are occupied as late as 9:40 p.m. on Saturdays.

We realize the inconvenience this presents students and eventually the College must address the need. Because of the age of the existing labs and the difficulty in converting them to today's standards, it may be a more prudent use of funds to construct a new science building and repurpose Genecov as a traditional classroom building.

Parking is an area where the College may always have a need. However, constructing a parking garage could provide a location central to classroom buildings and free up some land surface. It's an expensive proposition but one that remains important.

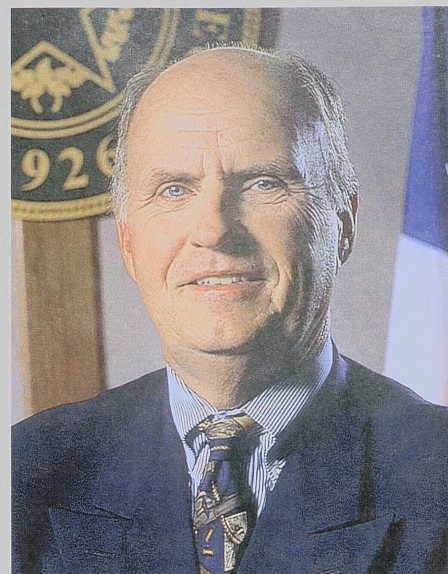
For its 9,617 students and 530 full-time employees, the College began the Fall semester with 3,089 parking spaces at the Main Campus.

Land acquisition to allow for continued growth must occur before the College becomes land-locked. Immediate opportunities exist for land acquisition and buying land to the east or west of the Main Campus would improve our growth options.

The number of residency applications denied each school year more than doubles the number of students we are able to accommodate. A new residence hall to house 500 students would improve our ability to meet demand while providing a revenue stream to help re-pay the initial outlay for construction.

Finally, a new student center could better serve students as a recreation and study facility, particularly with an increased on-campus population.

The Rogers Student Center has served the College well and will continue to do so. However, at construction, space intended for recreation was removed from the final plan. Since 1989, the center has been used more and more as a student services



TJC President Dr. William R. Crowe

building. Most students do not congregate at Rogers for recreation, enrichment programs, social activities or studying.

Renovating Rogers for student services use exclusively and building an adjacent student center to fill these voids would improve student interaction, school spirit, retention and student success.

Precisely how the College will fund each of these projects has not been determined. If all projects were tackled within the next 10 years, the construction and renovation costs could easily reach \$100 million.

Our Board of Trustees sees the needs and understands that we must plan for the future and begin acting on high-priority initiatives now. Over the next several months the Board will be considering these projects and funding mechanisms. One thing they will keep in mind is the dramatic tuition and fee increases Texas has seen in recent years.

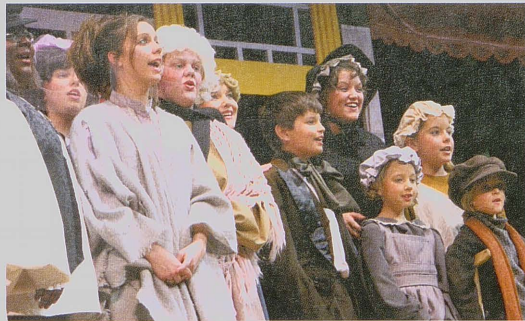
Keeping TJC affordable is of primary concern. Over the past decade, student tuition and fees have increased 86 percent. Similar increases at universities have kept the College in line with the market and allowed TJC to continue to be one of the most affordable options in the region. However, the risk of excluding students with financial constraint must temper our reaction to fund growth and improvement. **T**

On The Cover ...

Departments Bring "Scrooge" to Wise Auditorium

Each year, thousands of theatre patrons enjoy the annual musical, produced by TJC's music and dance and speech and theatre departments, in Wise Auditorium.

The musical typically takes place in the Spring. This year, the departments agreed to move the musical to the Fall semester to present the holiday classic, "Scrooge."



"We agreed this would be a fun show to do and a challenge to all of us," said Dr. Cheryl Rogers, managing director of fine and performing arts. "Clarence Strickland did a wonderful job of directing the stage performance and creating the settings and we have an excellent cast of voices. It was one of the most rewarding performances we've had."

The show played for packed houses four nights.

The schedule shift means the annual Pops Concert, produced by music and dance, will take place in February.

Scrooge included more than 60 cast members and two dozen behind-the-scenes workers.

Wagstaff Gymnasium Returns to "Like-New" Form

When it was built in 1964, Wagstaff Gymnasium was the king of Texas junior college basketball arenas.

Legendary coach Floyd Wagstaff made winning a tradition that brought thousands to the gym to watch his Apaches. Often the allowable capacity was exceeded and it was not uncommon to see lines out the door and fans inside gathered around the railing to view.

College officials hope completion of Phase I of the renovation of the gym will be a step in a return to the gym's glory days.

The recent renovation was celebrated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on November 20. The men's basketball team played its first game in the facility November 5.

"It's great to see the facility back to state-

of-the-art form, with new seats, a new floor and new lighting," said Dr. Tim Drain, director of intercollegiate athletics. "For many people, this is their first exposure to TJC so it is exciting to have it return to form."

Expansion to the west and east has increased seating capacity to 2,500 and all lower-level seating is reserved, with ticket-bearers being issued individual tickets for the entire men's and ladies' basketball seasons.

The Phase II renovation plan calls for enclosure of the gym's porch and substantial renovation and addition to the dressing- and locker-room areas. Funds for Phase II are being solicited by the TJC Foundation.

Preparing for the ribbon-cutting are, left to right, Nancy Lunceford; Mary Pinyan; Trustees Clint Roxburgh, Hollis Pinyan, Peggy Smith and David Hudson; Betsy Caddell and Becky Craig; Trustee David Lunceford; Dr. Tim Drain; Dr. Bill Crowe.



EDITORS' NOTE: In this issue of the Apache we introduce you to some new faces at TJC. In the Spring issue, the Faculty Profile will return, highlighting excellence in the classroom.

Paul Goertemiller

Director of Testing Services



Education: B.A., M.Ed., University of North Texas

Before TJC: I have worked with adolescents in treatment facilities, kids incarcerated in the Texas Youth Commission and kids in foster homes. Before TJC, I was an Academic Counselor at

Tarrant County College—NE campus.

Goals: Continue to learn what I can from my colleagues and students and return to school in the near future.

Why TJC?: I heard about the position from a colleague at TCC. He said East Texas is a beautiful part of the country and TJC has an ivy-league look with an excellent reputation. I could not pass up the opportunity.

Family: Married to Amy for 9 years. Two children: Nicholas is 5 and Abigail is 2.

Trey Hattaway

Registrar

Education: B.A. in Journalism/Public Relations, Texas Tech University, 1988; M.S. in Agricultural Education, Texas Tech University, 2001.



Before TJC: Sportswriter, *San Antonio Express-News*, 1989-91; Recruiter/Admissions, Orientation Director, Texas Tech University, 1991-2001; Director of Recruitment, Tarleton State University, 2001-03

Honors and Achievements: Honorary member of Phi Theta Kappa Alumni Chapter, Texas Tech University; Top Techsan, Texas Tech; National Orientation Directors Association, Board of Directors; taught freshman transitions course at Tarleton State University.

Goals: To make Tyler Junior College a better place for students to go to school.

Why TJC?: As a recruiter, you form opinions about each institution from the people who represent them. I formed my opinion having worked with Janna Chancey and Kenneth Lewis. I knew that if I ever wanted to come back to East Texas that Tyler Junior College would be a great place to work. And here I am.

Family: Jennifer, wife; Abby and Thomas, one year old.

Jan Hurst

Vice President, Business Affairs



Education: B.A. University of South Florida; MBA, University of Dallas

Before TJC: GTE/Verizon, vice president running information technology outsourcing for healthcare clients. While Air Force spouse, University of

South Florida registrar associate director, Civil Service systems manager in Germany, Lucky Stores of California systems manager, Mutual of Omaha programmer and Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska computer operator.

Honors and Achievements: Several achievement awards for excellence with highest honors for leadership of Y2K program and for successfully leading major application developments.

Goals: To make a difference in the lives of employees. I believe it's only through dedicated, loyal, content employees that any organization truly succeeds or excels. To be a part of the continued success of TJC.

Why TJC?: My husband and I chose Tyler to be near family. I started at a junior college and know the importance to the community. I want to be part of an environment that makes a difference to people. It's an opportunity for me to share some of the experiences and blessings I've had.

Family: Married to Steve, U.S. Air Force, retired, two daughters, two sons-in-law, four grandchildren.

Dr. Deborah Kelley

Chair, College Preparatory Studies

Education: B.A., M.S. University of Texas at Tyler, Ph.D., Texas A&M University—College Station.



Before TJC: Lon Morris College, Jacksonville, director of learning enrichment and Kilgore College special populations counselor and ADA coordinator.

Honors and Achievements: Licensed Psychological Associate, Licensed Professional Counselor, member of Piney Woods Counseling Association; Board of Directors Junior Community College Service Personnel Association of Texas, Darrell Truitt Research Award for dissertation research "Concomitant Effects of Hardiness, Self-Esteem and Affect on College Students with Learning Disabilities."

Goals: To help maximize student success at TJC through programmatic policies and personal student interventions.

Why TJC?: I chose TJC because of the philosophy of putting the students' needs first. Everything we do is centered on how to best serve each individual student helping them learn and achieve their dreams.

Family: Married to Rodney Kelley, Jacksonville fire chief and Navy senior chief hospital corpsman serving in Iraq, four daughters and one son.

TJC Guitarists Perform at Pepe Romero Festival

A TJC classical guitar quartet, under the direction of Frank Kimlicko, participated in a Celebration of Pepe Romero at the University of Southern California and were featured in the Grand Finale Concert.

Only thirty guitarists were selected by an audition committee to take part in the Pepe Romero Festival. Highlights of the six-day event included a symposium, two benefit concerts, a joint recital and a question-and-answer session with Romero. The week culminated in a Grand Finale Concert that closed with Maestro Romero conducting the TJC quartet accompanied by all festival participants in a new setting of "La rueda," Celedonio's gift to his son Pepe.



Quartet members with Pepe Romero, second from left, are: Brent Bassham, Paul Clark, James Tarbutton and Aaron Todd.

"This was a wonderful opportunity for our students to study and perform with a master classical guitarist," said Dr. Cheryl Rogers, TJC managing director of fine and performing arts.

Fall Teaching and Staff Awards

SIX HONORED AS TEACHING AWARD FINALISTS—Six instructors were recognized as finalists for the Mattie Alice Scroggin Baker Excellence in Teaching Award at the beginning of the Fall semester. With TJC President Dr. William R. Crowe, right, are: Dr. Alan Barnes, English department chair and Faculty Senate president, who announced the awards; Jacque Shackelford, instructor of speech and theatre; Leona Adamson, instructor of associate degree nursing; Judy Jernigan, instructor of computer information technology; Marshella "Shelley" Kersh, instructor, computer information technology; and Vic Siller, instructor, speech and theatre. Not pictured is Lois Ulsh, instructor of associate degree nursing. The award and a \$1,000 stipend were presented to Siller, this year's winner. Other finalists receive a \$200 stipend. Funds are to be used to continue the pursuit of educational excellence.



STAFF RECOGNIZED WITH HERRIN AWARDS—Three staff members were awarded Oscar and Marguerite Herrin Awards for excellence at the start of the Fall semester. Pictured are: Daphanie Crawford, coordinator, mail and duplicating services, far left; Hazel Mendez, Staff



Coordinator, TJC Children's Center, second from left; and Fran Starnes, secretary, business services, far right. Winners posed with Sarah Harrison, instructor, English, whose parents' estate established the award program in 2001.

Phillips Productions New TJC Marketing Firm

In July the College began working with a new marketing firm, Phillips Productions, Inc., of Irving.

Phillips is best-known for its production of the syndicated television show "Texas Country Reporter." Bob Phillips, host of the program, is the company's chief executive officer.

The company has also worked with Southern Methodist University, Texas Christian University, Abilene Christian University and for national clients such as Centex and Dairy Queen.

New marketing materials for television, multimedia and print are in the works, including a college recruitment and informational videotape. Work on the videotaped



Freshman Emily Biggs talks to Phillips Productions' Jason Anderson about her decision to attend TJC. Interviews with students and faculty will be used in a series of marketing projects for the College.

project began in September and is expected to be complete by the end of the year.



TJC'S TADASA BRINGS COLLEGE GREETINGS TO JAPAN—Tony Tadasa, director of TJC's Tyler Area Business Incubator, took part in Tyler's visit to one of its Sister Cities, Yachiyo, Japan, in August. Among other gifts, dignitaries were presented honorary Associate's Degrees from TJC. Pictured are Tadasa, right, with Yachiyo Mayor Toshiro Toyoda, center, and Michio Sugo, president of Yachiyo's Sister City International program.

LEWIS HONORED FOR 45 YEARS OF SERVICE—TJC President Dr. William R. Crowe, left, and President of the Board of Trustees Peggy Smith, right, pose with Kenneth Lewis and his wife Patsy. At the annual Employee Recognition Dinner in October, Mr. Lewis, dean of admissions, was recognized for 45 years of service to the College. Lewis plans to retire at the end of December 2004.



Apache Basketball Schedule

- Jan. 3 **Southern of Shreveport**, (Rose City), (W), 6 p.m.
 4 **Olive Harvey College**, (Rose City), (W), 6 p.m.
 8 * **Panola College**, (WM), 2 & 4 p.m.
 12 * **Trinity Valley CC**, (WM), Athens, 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
 15 * **Kilgore College**, (WM), Kilgore, 2 & 4 p.m.
 19 **Navarro College**, (M), 7:30 p.m.
 22 * **San Jacinto College**, (WM), Pasadena, 2 & 4 p.m.
 26 * **Jacksonville College**, (WM), 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
 29 * **Blinn College**, (WM), Brenham, 2 & 4 p.m.
- Feb. 2 * **Lee College**, (M), Baytown, 7 p.m.
 5 * **Angelina College**, (WM), 2 & 4 p.m.
 9 * **Paris Junior College**, (WM), 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
 12 * **Lon Morris College**, (WM), Jacksonville, 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
 16 * **Panola College**, (WM), Carthage, 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
 19 * **Trinity Valley CC**, (WM), 2 & 4 p.m.
 23 * **Kilgore College**, (WM), 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
 26 * **Navarro College**, (M), Corsicana, 7 p.m.
- Mar. 2 * **San Jacinto College**, (WM), 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
 5 * **Jacksonville College**, (WM), Jacksonville, 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
 8-11 Region XIV Tournament, (W)

*=Conference Game M=Men's Game; W=Ladies Game

Boldface type indicates home game at Wagstaff Gym

Apache Baseball Schedule

- Feb. 7 **Lon Morris College**, Jacksonville, 2 p.m.
 10 **Northeast Texas CC**, 1 p.m.
 11 **Howard Community College**, 1 p.m.
 12 **Grayson County College**, 2 p.m.
 16 **Southern Arkansas University**, (DH), 12 noon
 18 **Lon Morris College**, 2 p.m.
 19 **Lon Morris College**, (DH), 12 noon
 23 **Lon Morris College**, Jacksonville, 2 p.m.
 25 * **Richland College**, 2 p.m.
 26 * **Richland College**, (DH), 12 noon
 28 **Weatherford College**, 2 p.m.
- Mar. 4 * **Northlake College**, Irving, 2 p.m.
 5 * **Northlake College**, (DH), Irving, 12 noon
 9 **Bossier Parish CC**, Bossier City, LA, 2 p.m.
 11 * **Eastfield College**, 2 p.m.
 12 * **Eastfield College**, (DH), 12 noon
 18 * **Cedar Valley College**, Lancaster, 2 p.m.
 19 * **Cedar Valley College**, Lancaster, (DH), 12 noon
 21 * **Paris Junior College**, Paris, 2 p.m.
 28 * **Paris Junior College**, 2 p.m.
- April 1 * **Brookhaven College**, Farmers Branch, 2 p.m.
 2 * **Brookhaven College**, (DH), Farmers Branch, 12 noon
 4 **East Texas Baptist University**, (DH), 3 p.m.
 8 * **Richland College**, Dallas, 2 p.m.
 9 * **Richland College**, (DH), Dallas, 12 noon
 11 **East Texas Baptist University**, (DH), Marshall, 1 p.m.
 15 * **Northlake College**, 2 p.m.
 16 * **Northlake College**, (DH), 12 noon
 18 **Bossier Parish Community College**, 2 p.m.
 22 * **Eastfield College**, Mesquite, 2 p.m.
 23 * **Eastfield College**, (DH), Mesquite, 12 noon
 25 **Southern Arkansas University**, (DH), Magnolia, AR

* Metro Athletic Conference Games

DH=Double Header **Bold face type=home games played at Mike Carter Field, 717 Fair Park Drive**

College Prep:

Bridging the Gap Between High School and College

By **Janna Casstevens**

Bridging the gap between high school and college has become easier for first-time college students, thanks to the College Preparatory Program at Tyler Junior College. The program helps ease students into college level courses, as well as into the culture and environment of higher education.

That first semester of college can be overwhelming, especially if a student has deficiencies in reading, writing or mathematics. Students who do not survive their first semesters academically generally do not attempt another semester or even try to go on to their sophomore years in college. This phenomenon was uncovered in a TJC self-study on student retention. The reason why students were not succeeding was simple: they were not prepared academically or emotionally for the way college courses are taught.

The research suggested that students try harder, stay longer and have a greater rate of success if they feel a connection to the college at the earliest stages of their academic careers. Students also need to feel like they are personally "ready" for college. If an individual does not feel "connected" to the college or able to meet the challenge of the classroom, he or she will likely give up and withdraw from school.

The problem of student retention exists at all college campuses, whether they are two-year or four-year institutions. Commu-

nity colleges face a particular challenge in that they are often "commuter colleges," i.e. the students do not live on campus, and that many students are the first generation of their families to go to college. The environment is alien to them and they have no one at home who has been there and can reassure them that everything the student feels is absolutely normal. These issues can really take a toll on a student's self-esteem and courage to continue in higher education.

The desire to help students succeed prompted TJC to design the College Preparatory Program. In the fall of 2002, the program began with students who tested into the developmental credit courses of the prep program. Courses in reading, writing and mathematics were not "dumbed down," but rather modified for the first-time student entering college directly from high school. A staff of instructors who not only possessed subject matter knowledge, but were also skilled in pedagogy, or the art and science of teaching, lead the charge in helping students succeed. The classes centered on subject matter and study skills, much of it tailored to the individual learning styles of the students themselves. The idea behind the program was, as it is now, that every student can learn and succeed, but not in



Dr. Vickie Geisel
*Dean, College Preparatory
Studies/Director and
Counselor of Support
Services*



Dr. Deborah Kelley
*Department Chair,
College Preparatory Studies*

the same way or on the same day. The program continues to grow and evolve but the basic goals of the program have stayed the same: to help college students succeed.

Not every student is required to participate in the College Preparatory Program, but those who have tested into the Program will need to participate in order to move on to the next level. Standard college entrance exams or the Texas Higher Education Assessment exam or THEA determine entry into the program. Around 3,000 students currently participate in the prep program, roughly 34% of the Tyler Junior College student body.

"The courses of the College Prep Program are not dry and boring," says Dr. Vickie Geisel, Dean, College Preparatory Studies/Director and Counselor of Support Services. "In fact, many are

exciting and creatively taught. It's not uncommon for students of a math course to be seen out on the sidewalks drawing algebraic equations on butcher paper with chalk or to see an instructor teaching a math class using candy on an overhead to drive home a point to her students."

Creative instruction and a sincere interest in the wellbeing of students have contributed to the highest rate of student retention for Tyler Junior College in years. So too have strict attendance policies and attendance tracking. Dr. Deborah Kelley, Department

Chair of the College Preparatory Program and her staff keep track of the students in the program.

"We try to impress on each student the importance of his or her being in class to get the maximum benefit of the program. They cannot just sign up and then not go to class!" says Dr. Kelley. "Gently, but firmly, reminding students that much of their success relies on their attendance is a part of integrating the first-time student into college," she adds.

One of the facets of the prep program is the establishment of what Geisel and Kelley call "learning communities," or groups of students taking classes for developmental credit who stay together throughout their time in the program and help each other learn. Students have a home base of classmates with whom to work and succeed as a group. Not only do they succeed academically, they also learn to excel in coping with the social environment of the college campus by realizing that they are not alone as "first-timers".

And what about those times when an instructor cannot be in class? The

program has even remedied that problem by having a pool of substitute instructors at the ready so students never have to miss a single class.

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“A lot of students satisfy their high school level mathematics requirements early and don't take math their senior year. For many students that's a mistake that causes them to enter college behind where they really should be.”

—Dr. Bill Crowe

are and to help them get to where they need to be academically," said TJC President Dr. William R. Crowe. "For many students who for whatever reason aren't prepared for college-level work in one or more subjects, that means working with them to help them achieve competence."

Crowe said the College is also taking the effort a step further, working with area high schools to pre-test students in their junior year and pre-advise them for college.

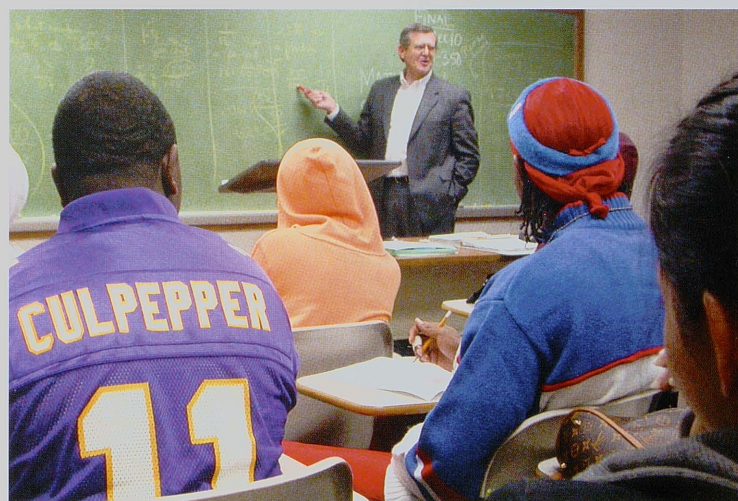
Participating high schools are also offered the college preparatory curriculum in mathematics, which they may offer as a senior-year course option to students who have tested deficient, helping ensure their smooth transition to college.

"A lot of students satisfy their high school level

mathematics requirements early and don't take math their senior year," he said. "For many students that's a mistake that causes them to enter college behind where they really should be."

The program has helped student performance greatly. The percentage of students passing English from the fall of 2001 to the fall of 2003 increased almost 24%. For math, it averaged out to 25% and for reading, 28%. This kind of achievement is not only a boost for enrollment, it is a boost for the self-esteem of the students as well.

What does the future hold for the College Preparatory Program? Drs. Geisel and Kelley agree that they would genuinely like to see enrollment in the prep program go down. Ideally, students should already come to college ready for the rigors of higher education courses. To achieve this, the program now works with many area high schools so that they can develop their own college preparatory courses, thus eliminating the need for the first time college student to have to get that support in her or his first freshman semester. But until that time, first timers can ease into their higher education careers with the knowledge that, at Tyler Junior College, bridging that gap has never been easier, both academically and emotionally. ¶



Warren Powell, instructor of college preparatory mathematics, explains a math concept to a small class setting.

TJC's Two Pipers:

Dr. Alan Barnes Joins Elite List with Retiree Dr. Bob Peters

By **Nita Wilson**

Granted, without a red carpet, international television coverage and the suspense of opening a large gold-lined envelope, the Piper Awards don't rank with the popular Academy Awards. However, for college and university educators in Texas, the Piper Professor Award is a very prestigious prize.

This spring, Dr. Alan Barnes, who has taught English at TJC for 34 years, became the second TJC instructor to receive a Piper Award. Dr. Robert K. Peters III, retired dean of University Studies and former history/government instructor affectionately known as "Dr. Bob", received the award in 1993.

The annual award is given by the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation of San Antonio to recognize outstanding achievement in the teaching profession in colleges and universities in Texas. The award, which includes a lapel pin and a \$5,000 honorarium, was presented to Dr. Barnes by Dr. William R. Crowe, president of Tyler Junior College, in May at the University Studies honors luncheon.

"Dr. Barnes is an outstanding teacher who is respected by students and associates," Dr. Crowe said. "We are pleased that he is receiving this prestigious award that is presented this year to only 15 college and university professors in the state."

In addition to teaching English, Dr. Barnes has served as a counselor and orientation director. He has a doctorate in

education from East Texas State University, now Texas A&M University, Commerce, and bachelor's and master's degrees from Texas A&M University.

In addition, he is an international award-winning advisor to the Alpha Omicron Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, a scholastic honorary organization at two-year colleges.

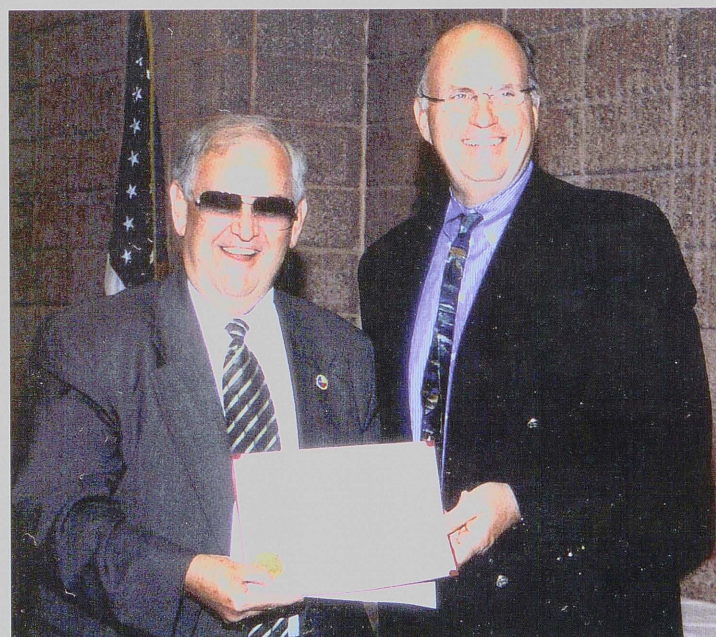
At TJC, he received the 2002 Mattie Alice Scroggin Baker Excellence in Teaching Award and the Zelda Boucher Service Award, 2000. He has been named to *Who's Who Among American Teachers*.

His awards for counseling include the Presidential Award from the Texas Counseling Association in 2000, Piney Woods Counselor of the Year 1997, and he has received six Texas Counseling Association Distinguished Service Awards.

Dr. Barnes is Tyler Junior College Faculty Senate president this year.

He is a member of the TJC Curriculum and Instruction Committee and a number of other TJC committees. He is also a member, and former chapter president, of the Piney Woods Counseling Association. He also served as president and as a member of the board of the Tyler Association for Retarded Citizens and as executive director of the Baptist Student Union Executive Board.

He was a charter member of the English Honor Society and of the Texas College



Dr. Alan Barnes was recognized for excellence in the classroom with the presentation of a Piper Professor award in May. Dr. Crowe, right, presented the certificate and a check for \$5,000 from the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation.

Counseling Association. He also belonged to Phi Delta Kappa, Sigma Tau Delta, Sigma Phi Epsilon, the American Association for Counseling and Development, American Personnel and Guidance Association, National Orientation Directors Association, Texas Junior College Teachers Association, and Piney Woods Association for Counseling and Development.

During the past 20 years, he has been a presenter numerous times at state and national conferences and conventions including the Noel-Levitz Conference on Student Retention, the Texas Counseling Association and Piney Woods Counseling Association, the Freshman Year Experience Conference of the Southwest and the American Technical Education Association National Conference.

His community activities include serving on the East Texas Communities Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee and, in 1999, as president of the Association of Retarded Citizens. He volunteers for Special Olympics, Walk a Mile for a Special Child and United Way of Tyler.

Dr. Barnes, who has taught Sunday School more than 25 years, considers teaching a calling. "Seeing that gleam in a student's eye when they get it is always so rewarding," he said.

A father of four with two grandchildren, his wife of 37 years passed away last year after a lengthy battle with cancer. "I attribute much of my success to Barbara," he said.

During 38 years at TJC, Dr. Bob has acquired lots of funny stories and many fond memories. He said becoming the first member of the TJC faculty in 1993 to receive a Piper Award was one of the most rewarding of his numerous honors. When his wife, Judy, picked him up at the airport after a business trip to Austin and informed him that he had been selected to receive the award, he was speechless.

Which he said for him is a rare occasion.

A Tyler native and TJC graduate, he received a bachelor's degree from Texas Christian University, a master's from Stephen F. Austin State University and a doctorate from

The University of Texas at Austin. Although he has served on several state agency governing boards and has testified before several congressional and state legislative committees, he has declined job offers that would have taken him to other cities.

Shortly before he was scheduled to receive the Piper award and give the TJC commencement address, he received a lucrative offer for a job in Austin. "I said I would consider the offer and call back, but we had a severe weather event that night, and I was on the radio a lot. I became so busy thinking about my speech that I completely forgot."

Associates of Dr. Bob know his forgetting anything is also rare. He describes himself as being fascinated with history and political science and dedicated to inspiring approximately 25,000 students through the years to become better citizens.

Although he lost his sight following an accident while playing basketball when he was 13, that did not prevent him from becoming a Tyler celebrity providing weather reports for a radio station and the *Tyler Courier-Times Telegraph* and teaching in the classroom and on television. "I like to explain how things work," he said.

Through the years, he has also become an unofficial TJC historian. Having lived



TJC's only other Piper Award winner, Dr. Bob Peters, right, is greeted by longtime co-worker David Ligon at Peters' retirement reception in August.

many years near the campus, he witnessed many changes from his front lawn. Dr. Bob laughingly recalls when the original Gentry Gym, a building moved to the campus from Camp Fannin, was scheduled to be demolished. "One Sunday night, it came about a six-inch rain and Gentry Gym collapsed," he said. "They didn't have to tear it down."

On another occasion, a six-inch rain turned the construction site of what would be the basement of the Vaughn Library into a gigantic mud puddle. Dr. Bob said a pumper truck from the Tyler Fire Department was used to drain it. "It took about two weeks. Then here comes another big rain, and filled it back up."

Now that he has retired as TJC's dean of University Studies, he plans to explore new opportunities and to continue his work providing weather reports. He and his wife Judy enjoy visits with their son, Jonathan, and their daughter Anne, and they appreciate the blessings they have received. "We like Tyler, and we've been very fortunate here," he said. "I've enjoyed what I've done."

Dr. Bob and Dr. Barnes both say they were honored to receive the Piper Award, but being nominated by the TJC faculty was the greater honor. **T**

Performance Groups Provide Military Entertainment in Hawaii

The Apache Band, Apache Belles, the Jazz Band and vocal groups Harmony and Understanding and A Cappella Choir entertained hundreds of military personnel in March in a trip that included more than 300 students, faculty, staff and friends of the College.

During the week-long trip, TJC groups entertained crowds at Schofield Army Barracks near Honolulu and at Pearl Harbor Navy Base. Some of the troops entertained had recently received orders for service in Afghanistan and were scheduled to depart the following week.

It was the first time this many performance groups traveled together and it was the largest travel group ever put together for a TJC-sponsored activity.

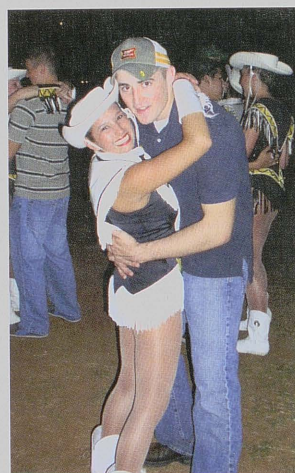
Student groups welcomed home those serving on the submarine USS Santa Fe. When not rehearsing or performing,

students learned about American history and Hawaiian culture and traditions. The trip also included a visit to the USS Arizona memorial.



Joseph Z. and Lou Ornelas with Dr. Crowe receive a traditional lei greeting in Honolulu.

Kandace Garcia and other Belles dance with members of the Navy at Pearl Harbor



The Apache Band and Belles perform at Pearl Harbor.



Kay Robinson, Nell Warren, Shauna Wonzer, Patsy Lewis on a catamaran near Diamond Head.



Rohn and Shirley Boone (center) pose with luau entertainers.

Apache Adventurers Travel Club Invites You to Join the Next Excursion

The Tyler Junior College Alumni Association is pleased to announce the creation of the Apache Adventurers Travel Club and the club's first official alumni trip—a Tahiti cruise for Spring Break 2005 (March 12–19).

Special group pricing starts at \$2,693 per person. Proceeds from the trip will benefit the TJC Alumni Scholarship Fund. This Apache Adventurers trip includes free

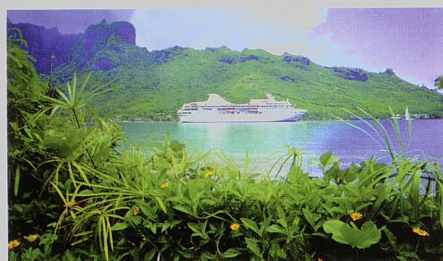
airfare to Tahiti; space to guest ratio of 60, one of the highest of any ship serving the North American market; onboard dive program; state-of-the-art retractable water sports marina; an onboard lecture program; all outside suites and staterooms, 50 percent with private balconies; two elegant restaurants with open-seating dining; complimentary wine with lunch and dinner, complimentary soft drinks, mineral water and juices and complimentary in-stateroom bar set-up; and a private Tyler Junior College Alumni cocktail reception. All shipboard gratuities are included.

The Radisson Seven Seas Tahiti Cruise is aboard the most luxurious ship to sail in Tahiti on a year-round basis, the Paul Gauguin, with a crew-to-guest ratio of 1 to 1.5 (320 guests total).



"We depart from Papeete (Tahiti) on a Saturday night and during the week, travel to the islands of Raiatea, Tahaa, Bora Bora, Moorea, and then disembark at Papeete the next Saturday morning," said Alumni Relations Director Betty Briggs.

For more information, contact Betty Briggs at 903-510-2371 or by e-mail bbri@tjc.edu.



Foundation Holds 17th Annual Golf Tournament

The TJC Foundation held its 17th annual golf tournament at Willow Brook Country Club in September. Twenty-four teams participated to support TJC's exceptional athletic programs.

Golfers enjoyed lunch at the Men's Grill followed by a day of golf beginning with a shotgun start just after lunch.

The College's athletic programs have produced 35 national titles, including a men's tennis championship in 2004.

"We would like to thank all of the participants and sponsors who so generously helped with the tournament," said Dr. Kim Russell, vice president for external affairs and executive director of the TJC Foundation. "These funds help the College to provide much-needed scholarships for deserving student athletes and to assure the continued success of TJC athletics."



Above, winning team members, left to right: Walter Wilhelmi, Thomas Protho, Glenn Austin, David Nelson, David Eikner and Gary Sirman. Bottom are men's golf team members Ric Worsham and Stephen Knight.

Gardens Project Embraced by Area Gardeners; Horticulture Degree Announced

Tyler Junior College, Stephen F. Austin State University and East Texas business and community leaders are joining together to bring new horticulture and garden programs to TJC.

Plans for the TJC Botanical Gardens and a partnership with Stephen F. Austin University were presented in May at a gathering of the Tyler Junior College Botanical Gardens Advisory Committee and area nursery and landscape professionals.

"As part of the college's master plan, the Tyler Junior College Botanical Gardens will feature seven unique gardens that will provide educational opportunities for students and visitors," Mitch Andrews, TJC Foundation director of principal gifts, said. "The Gardens will also create new and diverse event spaces that will enhance student life on campus and provide ideal settings for community activities."

The Tyler Junior College Botanical Gardens are being funded by private organizations and individuals. Area garden clubs are helping

to fund enhancements to the Brundrett Azalea Gardens. Already part of Tyler's annual Azalea Trail, the Brundrett Azalea Garden launched the development of campus-wide Botanical Gardens at TJC. Plans call for new azalea beds, ornamental trees and seating for students and visitors.

During the meeting, Dr. Dale Perritt, SFA agriculture department chair, and TJC officials announced a bachelor of science degree in horticulture science with all classes taught on the TJC campus.

The degree plan calls for TJC to provide lower level courses in general education and specified lower level courses in agriculture. Upper level courses will be delivered by SFA instructors.

A minimum of 42 hours of study will be delivered by SFA instructors, 36 of which are advanced study. Students must be accepted to SFA before enrolling in the upper level agricultural classes.



From left to right, Dr. Michael McArthur, Dr. William R. Crowe, Ina Brundrett, Thomas Clyde and Paul Breedlove.



Mimi Manley, TJC's Botanical Gardens Advisory Committee member, describes the President's Garden to Betty Briggs, Mary Shelmire and Eleanor Stringer.

Rusk Scholarship Program Expanded with Donation

Citizen's 1st Bank recently added \$100,000 to its scholarship program at Tyler Junior College for Rusk High School graduates. The addition amounts to approximately \$250,000 that the Citizens 1st Bank Scholarship Program has and will provide for Rusk High School graduates and will total over fifty-five scholarships of approximately \$5,000 each.

The Citizens 1st Bank Scholarship Program began in 1999 as a means to provide opportunities for good academic graduates of Rusk High School whose future plans include college but who have little or no scholarship assistance available.

"This program has also honored twenty-five outstanding Rusk and East Texas citizens, demonstrating that being from East Texas is an advantage to becoming a success," said James I. Perkins, President of Citizens 1st Bank. He continued: "We know we are strengthening the communities we serve by substantially assisting the



TJC President Dr. William R. Crowe, center, with Citizens 1st Bank's Executive Vice Presidents Charles Hassell, left, and Randy Grooms.

youth in furthering their education."

"Twenty-five students have received scholarships to TJC through the program. Approximately 95 percent of the students who have held a Citizens 1st Bank Scholarship have graduated from TJC, many with honors," said Dr. Kim Russell, vice president, external affairs/executive director of the TJC Foundation.

Emma Foote Ferguson Wise, a longtime friend and supporter of Tyler Junior College, died October 3.

Ms. Wise was instrumental in the renovation of Wise Auditorium in 1998, was a benefactor to Tyler Junior College and was recognized throughout the region for her interest in children, the arts, and education.

She served on the TJC Foundation Board of Directors.

She also donated her time to serve on various other boards and committees, assisting The University of Texas Health Center at Tyler, The University of Texas at Tyler Foundation, the Tyler Civic Theatre, the Tyler Museum of Art, the Tyler Day Nursery, the Better Business Bureau, and the Texas Chest Foundation.

The Watson W. and Emma Wise Cultural Arts Center—including the Wise Cultural Arts Building, which opened in 1979—were made possible by generous contributions from Mr. and Mrs. Wise.



Scholarships Update ...

East Texas Employment and Training

recently established four Top Ten Scholarships with a gift of \$100,000 to the TJC Foundation.

The scholarships are: *The Mary Buchanan Top Ten Scholarship*, *The Glynn Miller Top Ten Scholarship*, *The Virginia Edwards, W. C. Lacy and Robert Banks Top Ten Scholarship* and *The Richard Minter Top Ten Scholarship*.

East Texas Employment and Training was organized in 1978 by the Cherokee County School Board and has worked to oversee federal training programs throughout East Texas, including establishing various workforce centers.

The scholarships were established to recognize outstanding individuals and to ease the financial burden of students wanting to pursue a higher education.

A gift from the **Gatewood-Hawkins Foundation** recently established the *James F. Gatewood Top Ten Scholarships*. The



Martha Boston, center, presents a check to Dr. William R. Crowe with Dr. Kim Russell, left, and Richard Minter, right, on hand.

two endowed scholarships were made possible by Virginia Louise Gatewood, in memory of her late husband, James F. Gatewood.

Priority consideration will be given to students interested in pursuing a career in

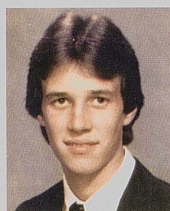
horticulture. The Gatewoods have generously supported various educational initiatives at TJC, including its horticulture program and the Botanical Gardens.

A gift from **Titus and Linda Jones** recently established the *Kirk Daren Jones Memorial Scholarship*, in memory of the couple's son, Kirk, who attended TJC.

The endowed scholarship will benefit



Gatewood



Jones



Beaird

students who participate and excel in the GED program through the Literacy Council of Tyler.

A generous contribution from **Harold Beaird** recently established two Legacy Scholarships.

One scholarship will honor the *1947 Apache Band*, of which he was a member. The other is established to honor *TJC President Dr. William R. Crowe* and his service to TJC.

The East Texas Council of Trucking Professionals recently funded a \$1,000 scholarship to a student of the TJC automotive technology department. The recipient, Raybon Riden, was selected by the program director based upon his potential to excel in an automotive industry career.

TJC student Raybon Riden, right, is presented a scholarship check by James Bailey of Flexway Trucking.



Association Welcomes Six New Board Members

MARIE BIGGS '99

Marie received her bachelor of arts degree with honors in Journalism at New York University and was an intern for *20/20*, *Primetime*, *World News Tonight* and *ABC Sports*. She has worked at KLTN 7 for the past three years and is currently their



10 p.m. News Executive Producer. At TJC, Marie was Student Senate Vice President, *The Touchstone* magazine editor, Las Mascaras member, English Honor Society Vice President, Baptist Student Ministry Freshmen President, and the reporter for Alpha Omicron Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, an International Honor Society for two-year colleges.

DEAN CAGLE '75

Dean is CEO of Peltier Enterprises, which operates four car dealerships: two in Tyler, one in Troup and another in Lufkin. He has served two terms as president of the Tyler New Car Dealers Association and is currently chairman of the Tyler Tax Increment Finance Board. He has also served on the boards of both the Tyler Chamber of Commerce and Better Business Bureau. At TJC, he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. Dean and his wife Brenda have two children. Their daughter Catherine is a freshman at Baylor and son Will lives in Tyler with his wife Amy. All five are TJC alumni.



JOSÉ FELICIANO, JR. '82

José is president/owner of Feliciano Financial Group of East Texas. He moved to Tyler in 1980 to attend TJC and during his freshman year became a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity. He has been in the financial industry for 18 years and is one of only six Certified Financial Planners in Tyler. He is also a Certified Estate Planner, a Registered Investment Advisor and a Chartered Life Underwriter. José has served on the Tyler ISD School Board and was selected for "Leadership Tyler." He and his wife, Wanda, are both graduates of TJC. They have one daughter, April, 11.



MARGARET GEORGE LOFTIS '42

Margaret, a retired Tyler ISD educator, received her BBA degree from The University of Texas in Austin and her Masters of Library Science from East Texas State University. She established the concept of a Learning Resource Library Center in 1956 at Moore Junior High School and later restructured other Tyler school libraries into resource centers. She was named "Hero of TISD" in 2001 and last year, Robert E. Lee High School opened the Margaret Loftis Career Center in her honor. At TJC, Margaret was a member of Las Mascaras and was named Engineers' Sweetheart. She and her late husband, the Hon. Harry Loftis, were married for 57 years and have 3 children.



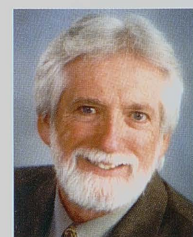
JAMES SHERIDAN '88

James is a Vice President/Loan Officer with Southside Bank. He graduated from The University of Texas at Tyler with a BBA degree in finance and has been a lender for 13 years. He is an honor graduate of The Texas Bankers Association Commercial Lending School at The University of Texas in Austin and The Southwestern Graduate School of Banking at Southern Methodist University. James is past president of South Tyler Rotary and has served on numerous organizations including Junior Achievement, Boy Scouts of America, Kid Reach/Big Brothers Big Sisters, and Leadership Tyler. He and his wife Gillian have been married four years.



JAMES SMITH '73

James is the owner of Tyler Chiropractic Center and has been in private practice for 27 years. A Tyler native, he graduated from John Tyler High School, TJC, and received his Doctor of Chiropractic degree from Texas Chiropractic College. He is currently Vice President of Texas Chiropractic Association for District 6. James lives in Whitehouse with his wife Sandi and their daughter Katie, 17. Sandi, Katie, and his older children Justin, Jennifer, and Janey are all TJC alumni. Dr. Justin Smith joined his father's practice last year; and this year, with a little assistance from his wife Amber, presented James with his first granddaughter.



A Look Back at Homecoming 2004

This year's Homecoming offered a wide variety of alumni events. On Thursday night, the Alumni Association held its first TJC Cruise Night at the Whataburger Hot Rod Café. Alumni shared memories, their latest news and voted for their favorite cars. Friday afternoon, we hosted a Campus Wide Pep Rally and Picnic on Jenkins' Lawn. Over 2,000 students, faculty, staff and alumni gathered together to show their Apache Spirit. That night at the awards ceremony we honored three distinguished recipients and enjoyed listening—and dancing to TJC Jazz Band's tribute to the "Big Band" hits of the 40s. Saturday morning at Trinity Mother Frances Rose Stadium there were reunions for the Apache Band, Belles and Cheerleaders, a Tailgate Party and then it was off to watch the big game against Kilgore. For a photographic review of all our Alumni Homecoming activities, see pages 14, 15 and 16.

Homecoming Week 2004 TJC Cruise Night

1. Alumni gather for TJC Alumni Cruise Night at the Hot Rod Café.
2. Ron Boone '72, was the emcee for the evening.
3. Former Apache cheerleader Donna Ingle '76 with her 1969 "bug."
4. Former students check out the cool cars.

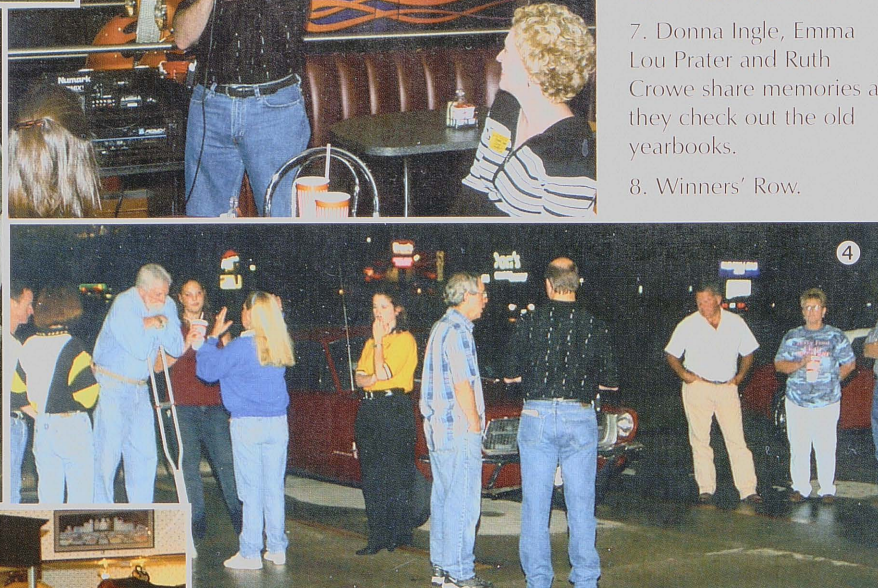


5. Alumni visit and wait for the winners to be announced.

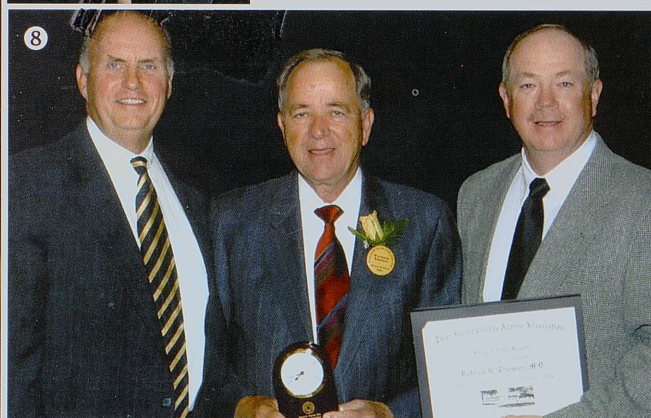
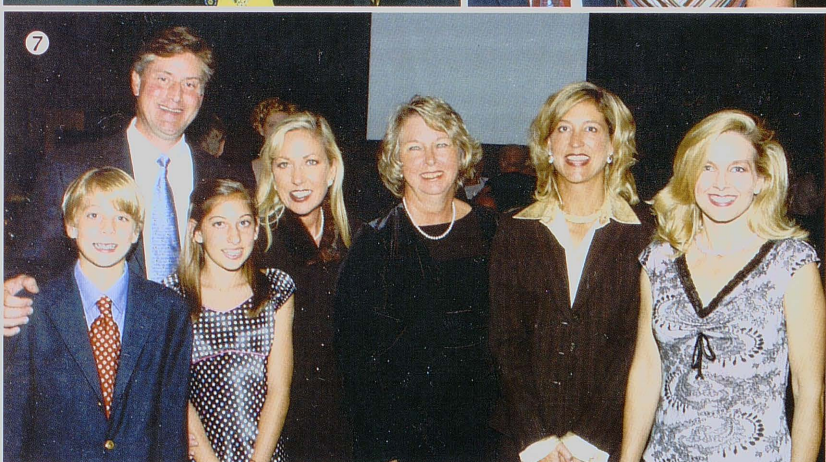
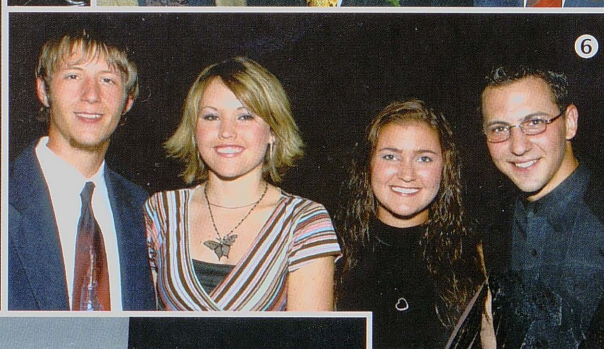
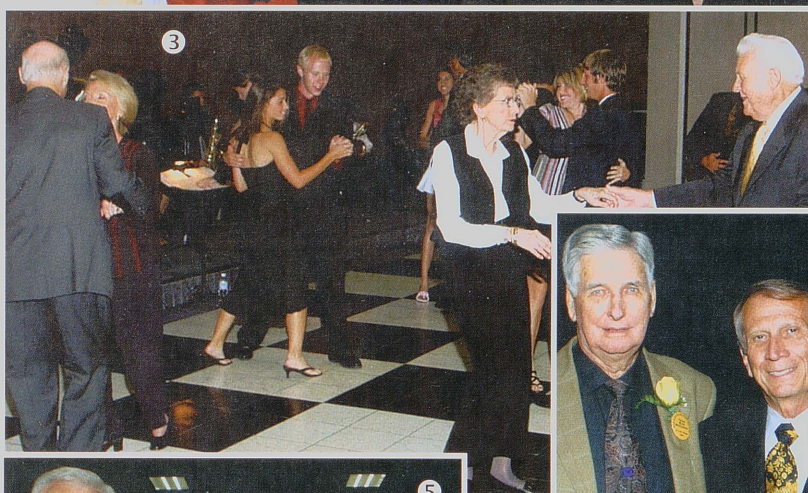
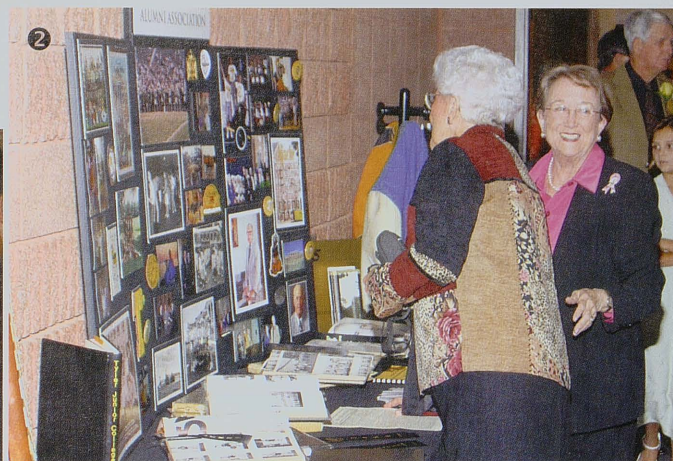
6. The 1972 red Corvette wins "Fans' Favorite."

7. Donna Ingle, Emma Lou Prater and Ruth Crowe share memories as they check out the old yearbooks.

8. Winners' Row.



Homecoming Week 2004 Awards Dinner/Dance



1. Former Apache Cheerleaders Mark Hale '88 and Dr. Blair Blackburn '89, with wives Mandy and Michelle pose for pictures with Emma Lou Prater, retired student activities director/cheerleader sponsor before dinner.

2. Former Apache Belles Rev. Dr. Helen Appelberg '49, and Mary Blitch '50, enjoying the TJC memorabilia.

3. Dinner guests enjoy dancing to the TJC Jazz Band's tribute to the "Big Band" music.

4. 2004 Alumni Award Recipients Herb Richardson '49, Apache Spirit; Harold Beaird '49, Outstanding Public Service; and Dr. Patrick Thomas, Black and Gold Award.

5. David Lunceford '53, a member of the TJC Board of Trustees, with his wife and former Belle, Nancy '54, and State Representative Leo Berman.

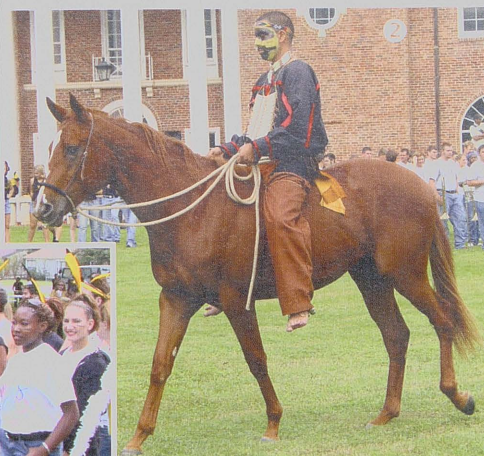
6. Current students Jordan Eckeberger, Jenna Burns, Jennifer Dubbs, and Phillip Terrell danced the night away.

7. Patrick, Reed, Morgan, and Suzie Thomas Rippey, with former Belle Judy Turman '62, Dr. Kim Russell and Tisa Hibbs after dinner.

8. Dr. William R. Crowe, Dr. Patrick R. Thomas, and Dr. J. Scott Ellis '74, during the awards ceremony.



Homecoming Weekend 2004 At A Glance



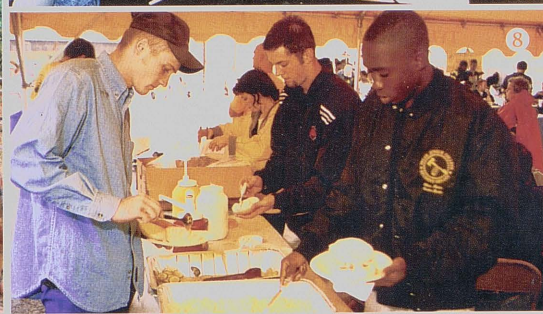
Campus Pep Rally

1. TJC Apache Band plays fight song *Awakening the Spirit*
2. Apache mascot Pedro Aparicio
3. Faculty/Staff School Spirit Homecoming Decoration winners
4. Thousands attend Apacheland's Homecoming Pep Rally



Tailgate Party & Game

5. Gailya Gearner, Kay Robinson, Maxene Robinson, Roy Sulser and Brian Turman
6. Betsy, Michelle, Taylor, Parker and Blair Blackburn
7. Herb, Jesse Wayne, Sierra, Cheyanne, Dakota, Dawn, and Joanne Richardson
8. Alumni STAR Jared Dickson with Apache Guards Chris Shepperd and Steven Young
9. Apaches on the gridiron
10. Apache supporters
11. Apache Band and Belles



Thank You Alumni Members—True Apaches

Individual—Life

- Dr. Johnny L. Abbey
 Mr. Carl D. Adams
 Mrs. Jan H. Adams
 Mr. Jason F. Adams
 Mrs. Mary B. Adams
 Mr. Warren H. Alfred, Jr.
 Mrs. Kathy Allums
 Ms. Priscilla Althaus
 Mr. Roger B. Amerson
 Ms. Lynda Anderson
 Rev. Helen W. Appelberg
 Ms. Nidia Arellano
 Mrs. P. Kay Arms
 Mr. Gary Arnold
 Mrs. Lauretta M. Arps
 Mrs. Janice I. Baber
 Mrs. Cathy Elaine Baggett
 Mr. C. C. Baker
 Mr. Eric B. Ballard
 Dr. Alan Barnes
 Ms. Charmaine Barton
 Mr. T. Glaucius Barton
 Mr. Jerry D. Bartos
 Mr. Bill Bates
 Mr. Kenneth Bates
 Mrs. M. Carol Bazell
 Ms. M. J. Beall
 Mr. Stephen Beckendorf
 Ms. Janet R. Beesley
 Ms. Shane Bendor
 Mrs. Kristi Bennett
 Mr. Robert Bernal
 Mrs. Mary J. Blitch
 Dr. E.T. Boon, Jr.
 Mrs. Janet A. Boon
 Mr. Mark L. Boon
 Ms. Rebecca A. Borne
 Mr. D. Scott Boucher
 Dr. J. Clifton Boucher
 Mr. S. Grant Boucher
 Mr. Bob Bowman
 Mrs. Patricia L. Boyd
 Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Brewer
 Mr. Robin H. Brians
 Chief Justice David Bridges
 Ms. Betty S. Briggs
 Ms. Jennifer K. Brooks
 Mrs. Pamela J. Brower
 Mrs. Alicia K. Brown
 Mrs. M. Kay Brown
 Ms. Mary M. Brown
 Ms. Melanie J. Brown
 Mr. Bob Brown, Jr.
 Mr. Jimmy Browning
 Ms. Phyllis Brunner
 Mr. Bill L. Bryant
 Mrs. Beverly L. Bugay
 Mrs. Kimberly A. Burden
 Mr. Daryl Butler
 Mr. Charles Y. Byrum
 Mr. Jon W. Byrum
 Ms. Noamie Byrum
 Mrs. Betsy Wagstaff Caddell
 Mr. Dave Calip
 Mrs. Amanda A. Camp
 Mr. Dan Campbell
 Mrs. Sharon Campbell
 Mrs. Kimberly K. Carnes
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 Mrs. Judith A. Caswell
 Ms. Alice C. Cates
 Mr. Matthew Cates
 Mr. Bob Caudle
 Ms. Eunice Chancellor
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 Mr. Jim R. Churchwell
 Ms. Barbara A. Clakley
 Mr. C. Seth Clark
 Mrs. Patricia A. Clark
 Mr. Billy G. Clay, Jr.
 Mr. Marquette Clay
 Mrs. Tonya M. Cochran
 Mrs. Rosella Cooper
 Mr. Mack W. Cope
 Mr. Sparky Cox
 Mr. John Cox
 Mrs. Melinda W. Cox
 Mr. Robert G. Cox, Jr.
 Mrs. Becky Wagstaff Craig
 Mrs. Nancy J. Crisp
 Mrs. Linda J. Cross
 Mrs. Vera Cross
 Mrs. Ruth Crowe
 Dr. William R. Crowe
 Mr. Adam J. Daley
 Dr. Kenneth Dance
 Mr. Craig M. Daugherty
 Mr. Judson D. Davis
 Mr. Richard Davis
 Mr. Richard L. DeBenedetto
 Mrs. Karan L. Delaney
 Mrs. Gigi Delk
 Mr. Daryl L. Derryberry
 Mrs. Audrey Doggett
 Mr. Craig Dooley
 Dr. Tim Drain
 Mr. Marcus Drewa
 Mr. John M. Driggers
 Mr. Dale E. Dudley
 Mrs. Angelia Dunavant
 Mrs. Sherri J. Durham
 Ms. Jennifer L. Dwyer
 Mrs. Janie A. Edmonds
 Mr. D. M. Edwards
 Mrs. Teresa G. Elliott
 Dr. J. Scott Ellis
 Mrs. Lisa D. Ellis
 Mr. Rick Eltife
 Mr. Robert Emerson
 Mrs. Lisa D. Emmert
 Mrs. Carole A. Errett
 Mrs. Mary Wilbanks Evans
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 Mrs. June M. Farrell
 Mrs. Rebecca F. Faulds
 Mr. Benjamin B. Ferrell
 Ms. Gayle Ferrell
 Ms. M. Rachel Finch
 Mrs. Brenda L. Fleet
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 Mr. Louis M. Fouts, III
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 Ms. Nicole Fuquay
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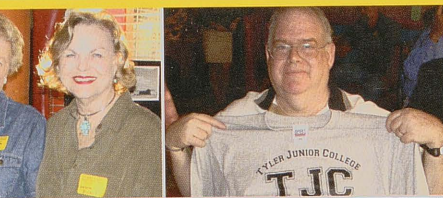
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